



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Hiroshi MURAMATSU :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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In order to place this application in better condition for a complete examination on the merits, applicant preliminarily amends his application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A proximity field optical microscope (light probe microscope) utilizing a proximity field light emitted from the microscopic optical aperture of a probe tip or a scattered light at a sharp tip is a known device that is capable of performing optical observation with a high resolving power

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